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SUBJECT: POLISH "REFUGEE" HABDAS OFFERS TO DO INTERVIEW
WITH RFE

REF: MUNICH 3353

1. THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS AGAINST AN INTERVIEW BY RFE
WITH FORMER POLISH DCM IN CARACAS RYSZARD HABDAS. WE
BELIEVE SUCH AN INTERVIEW WOULD UNNECESSARILY HARM OUR
FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS WITH POLAND. IT WOULD TEND TO
CONFIRM THE NOTION THAT THE USG ENGINEERED HABDAS'
DEFECTION. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE FORMALLY DENIED THIS CHARGE,
AN INTERVIEW BY RFE WOULD TEND TO UNDERMINE OUR DENIAL
AND IMPAIR OUR RELATIONS WITH THE GOP. MOREOVER, IT WOULD
NEEDLESSLY, IN OUR VIEW, GIVE AMMUNITION TO THE GOP IN
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ITS CAMPAIGN AGAINST RFE. WE SAY "NEEDLESSLY" BECAUSE
WE HAVE SERIOUS DOUBTS AS TO HOW MUCH OF SUBSTANCE HABDAS
COULD REALLY PROVIDE REF LISTENERS.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE RFE MANAGEMENT THAT
THE DEPARTMENT STRONGLY RECOMMENDS AGAINST SUCH AN INTER-
VIEW. CHRISTOPHER

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